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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LIN, PO-CHING

Examiner

D. Rutledge

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5 and 7-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

In the Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On Page 2, line 2 has an extra character, "1000 A□thick".

Appropriate correction is required.

Objection the Claims

2. In Claims 1 and 8, insert a space between the Claim number and the Claim text.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakazato et al. (US 5,314,068).

The reference disclose a reticle transferring support having a base (1); a plurality of braces (1a) for supporting the reticle (2); a plurality holders (1c) for fixing the reticle (2) by means of the inclined plane; a clip (3). See Figs. 3 and 5. Fog. 6 shows the reticle transferring support in a stocker.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 5 and 7 – 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakazato et al. (US 5,314,068).

The reference does not disclose the material of which the braces are made, however, since plastic is so commonly used in most industries because of its moldable and inexpensive, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to use plastic braces. The reference does not disclose the robot for loading/unloading the reticle, but one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have known that the environment for use of the device, as given in the background of the invention, is the manufacture of a semiconductor devices where robot are commonly used to transfer reticles and would have been motivated used the reticle transferring support with a robot in that environment.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 3, 4 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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8. The following is an examiner's statement for indicating allowable subject matter: the prior art does not disclose the a reticle transferring support having plurality of spherical braces or adjustable braces installed on the fringe of the base and supporting a reticle; a plurality of holders installed on the fringe of the base for supporting reticle and having a curved surface for fixing the reticle by means of an inner part of the holders so that the reticle is automatically aligned to prevent shifting.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Fosnight et al. (US 6,216,873) has a reticle transferring support having holders (112) with surfaces (129,130) for automatically aligning the reticle and preventing shifting of the reticle and Hayakawa et al. (US 5,375,710) has an IC carrier having aligning means (8a, 8b, 9 and 4,12) for preventing shifting of the IC package.

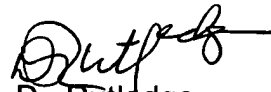
Response Data

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. Rutledge whose telephone number is (571) 272-2127. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs, 6:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Russell Adams can be reached on (571) 272-2851. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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